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## Post Shorts

### Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, May 2, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

### Asian-Pacific luncheon set for May 23

Tickets are on sale for Aberdeen Proving Ground's annual Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month luncheon to be held at Top of the Bay on May 23, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. See information on page 14.

### May 1 lunch at Top of the Bay

Top of the Bay received a cancellation of a function and will serve lunch on Tuesday, May 1, in the DownUnder, 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. For information, call 410-278-2552 or 3062.

### CIF discontinued

The April 2 meeting of the Community Information Forum was the final meeting of the group. Information on what is going on in the community can be found in weekly editions of the APG News, channel 3 or the APG Web page, www.apg.army.mil.

### Post Office seeking custodial help

Part-time custodial help is wanted at APG Post Offices. Working hours would be split between the Aberdeen Area Post Office (8) and Edgewood Area Post Office (3), for a total of approximately 11 hours. Call the Postmaster for more information or to apply at 410-278-7967.

### APG monitors temperatures on post

Last Tuesday cars entered Aberdeen Proving Ground with snow on their roofs. This past Monday temperatures approached 90 degrees Fahrenheit and 60 degree temperatures are forecast for later this week.

"This causes a variety of challenges to APG," said Col. Robert J. Spidel, garrison commander and deputy installation commander. "Many of the buildings require extensive work to change over from heating to air conditioning. This cannot be done unless installation personnel are convinced that warmer temperatures are here to stay. At APG, three consecutive days of 85

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Asian-Pacific luncheon  
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Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Petra Vardaman takes advantage of the sunshine by doing some gardening among the daffodils located at the back of her Columbia Court residence. Neighborhood cleanup gets underway next week, and many area residents are expected to join her in clearing their flower gardens of excess leaves, mowing grass, removing debris and getting rid of excess limbs and branches.

## Neighborhoods begin spring cleanup

By Sheila Little

APG News

Those living or working on Aberdeen Proving Ground are currently in the midst of spring cleanup. Tenant organizations spruced up their areas last week, the U.S. Ordnance Center and Schools are cleaning this week and next week, neighborhoods officially clean up during the first few days of May.

APG Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings, in charge of the semi-annual effort, continues to urge all tenants and residents to participate in spring cleanup, an event scheduled to immediately precede Ordnance Week, May 8 to 12, a time when APG is open to a large number of military and civilian visitors.

Stallings said if everyone participates, sprucing up around the installation will not involve a great deal of time, and visitors can take away a good impression of APG.

Highlighting cleanup in the housing areas, Stallings said all residents are expected to participate in their area cleanup. Participation includes helping clean playgrounds and other common areas, even if you don't have children or use the areas. Residents of Skippers Point and Patriot Village are also expected to help clean the holding ponds, which will be open for that purpose on Saturday, May 5.

All areas are to be raked, edged, trimmed, and cleared of trash and debris. Mulch should be raked

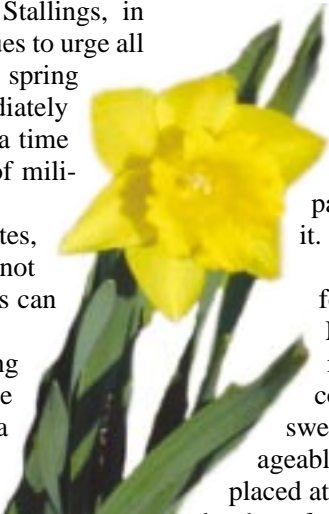
and grass removed from curbs and pavement areas.

Garden equipment, including rakes, trimmers and lawn mowers are available for loan at the Aberdeen Area Re-Nu-It Center, building 5413, and the Edgewood Area Re-Nu-It Center, E-5703. Also available are trash bags, grass seed and fertilizer. Both centers begin summer hours May 1. Summer hours for the Aberdeen facility, 410-278-8814, are 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Summer hours for the Edgewood location, 410-436-2398, are 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Wednesday and Friday. All loaned equipment should be returned as soon as possible so all participants have the opportunity to use it.

A special trash, leaf and limb pick up for all areas of APG is scheduled for Monday, May 7. All participants should make sure tree limbs, clippings, and dirt containers are at the curb by 8 a.m. Any swept dirt should be in containers of manageable weight. Bulk trash should also be placed at the curb for a May 7 bulk trash pick up by the refuse contractor.

Those in charge of cleanup for their unit or neighborhood are to record the names of those who refuse to participate and refer their names to Stallings, 410-278-1509, for follow-up.

"Take pride in the appearance of the installation," Stallings said. "When APG looks good, we all look



## AFAP focuses on quality of life

By Sheila Little

APG News

Accurate communication and cooperation are key when addressing quality of life issues. If you have any doubts, just ask the 75 delegates, facilitators and resource personnel who took part in this year's Army Family Action Plan Symposium.

The three-day event, which took place in building 30, Top of the Bay, April 10 through April 12, covered health care, housing, child development services and retiree issues.

Brig. Gen. Antonio Taguba, Commander, U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, addressed the kick off to the 16th annual Aberdeen Proving Ground Army Family Action Plan Symposium, emphasizing the importance of communication among soldiers, civilian workers, family members and retirees, and the benefits of working together to find the best solutions, and then passing them on to those who can affect change.

Taguba said implementing ways to improve quality of life in Army communities goes far to assure acceptable service retention rates and he encouraged qualified men and women to join and remain in the military.

"Our soldiers deserve the same or better quality of life as those they defend," Taguba said. He added that the Army needs to remain diligent in addressing all areas of concern. Citing child care as an example, Taguba said Congress has named the military child care system a national model for others. He said that if slots in military child care facilities do not meet the local demand, then the system is not good enough. Such a situation leads to poor retention rates.

"A lot of folks leave the Army because they can't get their kids in child care," Taguba said.

He said education issues, such as grade and test transference for high school students, a standard for determining in-state college tuition, and national standards for high school graduation are among other issues brought up through local AFAP groups and currently being discussed at higher levels.

"The reason you are here today is to identify and prioritize issues," Taguba said. "The solution starts with you."

Col. Robert J. Spidel, garrison commander and deputy installation commander, acknowledged that some issues require funds to implement solutions, and a 42 percent cut in the APG Family Housing budget does not help, but not all issues are money-driven.

"This is your opportunity to bring up issues," Spidel said, and added that the majority of ideas can be implemented using a combination of imagination, volunteerism and other options. "Anything we can do to try to make it better, we will do if at all possible. Together we can make

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Photo by MARK WEISS/ANGLES

Members of STYX from left Glen Burtnik, Todd Sucherman, James "Jy" Young, Tommy Shaw, and Lawrence Gowan headline the APG June 16 concert.

## APG getting ready to rock STYX, Survivor and KANSAS to perform in June concert

By Yvonne Johnson

APG News

APG is gearing up for what should be a legendary concert by three legendary bands.

STYX, Survivor and KANSAS will perform on Aberdeen Proving Ground's Shine Sports Field on June 16 for the 2001 Classic Rock Concert.

Organizers and sponsors are preparing to host thousands of fans who are expected to attend the event that will be held rain or shine.

"We need volunteers to serve as gateworkers, ticket collectors and in other areas," said Shirley Overmiller, the point of contact for volunteers.

Overmiller said those willing to lend a hand will at least get to hear the concert though they may be too busy to sit back and enjoy it.

"They'll be helping in food and beverage sales, as drivers and assisting our sponsors, Overmiller said adding that food and beverage

workers must be over 18.

Those interested in volunteering should contact Overmiller before June 12 at 410-278-4402/4056 or E-mail shirley.overmiller@usag.apg.army.mil.

Recording since the 70s, the bands will perform classic hits, old favorites and recent releases. Some of these include the songs "Lady," "Borrowed Time" and "Mr. Roboto" by STYX, "Carry on Wayward Son," "Dust in the Wind" and "Point of Know Return" by KANSAS and "Eye of the Tiger," "Burning Heart" and "Is This Love" by Survivor.

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased through Morale, Welfare and Recreation offices or through Ticketmaster. Tickets cost \$25 in advance or \$35 at the gate. Gates open at 6 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30 p.m.

Fans should bring chairs or blankets for the lawn-seating event.

For more information, call 410-378-4011/4621.









Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Cassondra Lampkin, left, makes notes as fellow teen delegates representing the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas of Aberdeen Proving Ground discuss their concerns they want addressed during the Army Family Action Plan symposium. Also pictured from the left and next to Lampkin are; Veronica Higgins, Rakeem Ashley, Keshawana Patterson, and in the foreground, Brandon Beverley.

# TRICARE, child care—two hot topics from AFAP

**AFAP, from front page**  
a difference,” Spidel said.  
An out-briefing on Thursday, April 12, covered 37 suggestions for changes in community activities, community support, consumer services, health services, and youth areas. Spidel thanked all who participated in the symposium, and added particular thanks to Alice Surette, who coordinated this year’s event and 11 previous symposiums.

As seems to be true throughout the country, TRICARE and child care were AFAP hot topics.  
Staff Sgt. Steven Serisky, a member of the 389th Army Band (AMC’s Own), attended his first AFAP symposium as a delegate.  
“It’s a good forum for bringing up issues,” the single soldier said.  
Attending the Consumer Services work group, Serisky said that although he has been in the service for 19 years, he found the seminar a learning experience, and offered an example.

“I learned that the price matching policy at the main exchange also covers concessions like Melvin’s Tire,” he said.  
Family member Joan Resau attended the Community Activities group. Covering issues including child care and Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities on the installation, Resau described the group’s exchange as “very spirited.”  
“We’re dealing with a number of hot items,” Resau said.  
She added that most delegates are representative of everyone on the installation. The groups included a mix of active duty and retired military, civilian workers, family members, single soldiers and single parents. Most were willing to share their ideas and work together toward solutions. Resau added that resource people were also very helpful.

“We have great resource people who are willing to listen, to help out, and to resolve our concerns,” she said.  
Rita Savage, a U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools civilian employee, said she found the symposium very worthwhile and would recommend it to others.

“It was my first experience with the symposium, and I thought it was a good forum and a good team effort,” Savage said. She added that the civilian employees and the military representatives seemed to share many similar issues, and said the customer service issue was one of them. Savage suggested more involvement on the part of supervisors and increased training which might alleviate customer service problems. Savage added that she would encourage others to get involved and attend future symposiums.

Cassondra Lampkin attended the symposium last year as a teen delegate. Returning for another useful exchange, Lampkin said the teens from Edgewood and Aberdeen raised a number of issues and was pleased that their suggestions are taken seriously.  
As her group compiled a list of teen concerns, Lampkin said, “Dealing with these issues will really impact our community.”

She thought including teens was a great idea.  
“I’m just really glad that we have the opportunity to be heard,” Lampkin said.  
The following issues brought up at this year’s event will be studied by the appropriate organizations and addressed in future editions of the APG News.

## Family Action Plan XVI Issues Community Activities

1. Child Youth Services priority placement system: make room for more children of active duty personnel.
2. Child care hours: extend for physical training and longer work-days.
3. Child care fees: eliminate consideration of BAS and BAH when setting the fee.
4. Edgewood Area Youth Services program: improve it, add equipment.
5. Multiple Morale, Welfare and Recreation activity fees: initiate a multi-use pass.
6. Swimming pool fees: use a sliding scale for rates.
7. Separate activity rooms for permanent party and initial entry training personnel.
8. Maintain gymnasium hours during Christmas holiday exodus.
9. Customer service: provide training for personnel and a complaint process with feedback.

**Community Support**  
1. Work order follow-up: provide access to a Web site to initiate and track progress.  
2. Transportation Motor Pool: share vehicles between organizations.  
3. Housing availability: ensure that those leaving quarters give

appropriate notice to housing officials in touch with incoming personnel.  
4. Barracks smoking policy: provide separate ventilation for non-smokers, or initiate a no smoking policy in the barracks.  
5. Re-Nu-It centers: change the hours so soldiers working daylight shifts can have access to the equipment.  
6. Speeding in housing areas: provide rolling bumps that can be moved.  
7. Lack of funding in housing: continue to pursue all avenues for funds.  
8. Enhance barracks security: needs tighter, more uniform control.  
9. Install electrical outlets in garages and pavilions on the installation.  
10. Water quality in the Edgewood Area: provide bottled water or filtered water.  
**Consumer Services**  
1. Debit/credit card problems at the commissary: pursue a timely way to address this issue.  
2. Lack of natural, organic and ethnic foods in the commissary: add a variety to the stock list.  
3. Lack of awareness of quality of life services and policies: provide electronic billboards in Edgewood and Aberdeen areas, in high traffic areas.  
**Health Services**  
1. TRICARE beneficiaries lack knowledge of services: provide trained unit representatives, schedule mandatory briefings.  
2. Excessive phone waiting times for TRICARE: provide estimated waiting time, or a call back within 24 hours for those waiting on line more than 10 minutes.

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# Teens given chance to discuss AFAP concerns

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- 3. Lack of regional portability of health care coverage: have regions work together.
- 4. Provider service quality: provide a hotline for complaints.
- 5. Delays in payments to civilian providers: publish uniform procedure for handling this issue.
- 6. Disparity of referral process among TRICARE contractors: initiate standardized procedures.
- 7. Appointments made outside patient's access area: patients should be given the choice of where to go for care.
- 8. Quality of TRICARE customer service: initiate customer service classes for employees, provide a complaint procedure with feedback.
- 9. Lack of knowledge of dental services: provide a unit dental representative.
- 10. Lack of off duty service hours at Kirk U. S. Army Health Clinic: Pediatrics and the Women's Wellness Clinic should be open until 8 p.m. a few evenings each week.

**Youth Issues**

- 1. Teen Center: provide a center that has separate facilities for pre-teens.
- 2. Community parks and areas around youth centers: provide better lighting, fill potholes.
- 3. Staff: provide more staff, especially in the summer when the centers are heavily used.
- 4. Outdoor equipment: provide outdoor equipment in the Edgewood Area, improve the existing equipment in the Aberdeen Area.
- 5. Transportation: provide regular transportation from the housing neighborhoods to the centers and between the Aberdeen Area and Edgewood Area centers via shuttle buses or government vans.

# Law Day Proclamation



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
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A society cannot be judged by how it serves its most powerful people, but by how it protects its most vulnerable. This year's law day theme, "Protecting the Best Interests of Our Children," presents an opportunity for us to focus on the most vulnerable and most valuable segment of our society and to ask ourselves if we are doing the best we can in our efforts to serve children.

For more than 100 years, American courts and legislatures have devoted special attention to decisions involving the "best interests of the child." Today, these words appear in thousands of court decisions, covering a broad range of children's issues. Statutes in all 50 states incorporate this phrase into provisions addressing adoption, child abuse and neglect, foster care, child custody, education reform, and juvenile delinquency.

Law Day 2001 is an opportune time to say thank-you to those who work daily to protect the best interests of children:

- educators and child care workers
- physicians, psychologists, and child therapists
- social workers and counselors
- youth agency staff members and volunteers
- lawyers and judges

We appreciate the efforts of professionals who willingly extend a hand to children in need and speak up for those who cannot voice their own opinions and concerns. Today is a day to celebrate their success stories, such as:

- the child who finds a caring home
- the youth who overcomes abuse
- the teenager who chooses right over wrong

We celebrate recent trends that suggest that the lives of our nation's children and youth are steadily improving, as demonstrated by declines in child poverty, youth violence, and the teen birthrate.

But Law Day is also a reminder that we have much work left to do in our efforts to protect the best interests of children, particularly those still mired in poverty, and to strengthen our child protection agencies and family courts.

And so today, we take the time to celebrate Law Day, to renew our efforts to reach out to all children, so that no child is left behind. The United States Army, and this command in particular, remain dedicated to those who safeguard the lives of children and develop the programs needed to help children grow into responsible, confident adults. Let us dedicate ourselves to improving schools, health care, and children's agencies so that all children can live better, safer lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Major General John C. Doesburg, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 1, 2001, as Law Day. I urge all personnel, civilians, and military of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community to use this occasion to celebrate anew the children of our community who represent the future and to dedicate ourselves to protecting their best interests.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this third day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand and one, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and twenty-fifth.

JOHN C. DOESBURG  
Major General, U.S. Army  
Commanding

# Korea — 50 years ago this week, April 19-25

## Chinese offensive pushes United Nations forces back

By Jim Caldwell

Army News Service

Massing nine armies with a total of more than 250,000 troops, the Chinese launched a spring offensive against U.N. forces in Korea 50 years ago this week. Under fierce human-wave attacks, U.N. units fell back.

April 19, 1951 — Gen. Douglas MacArthur, dismissed by President Harry Truman as commander of the U.N. and Far East Commands, addresses a joint session of Congress April 19. The packed chambers and gallery full of diplomats, military leaders and citizens, give standing ovations to the general before and after his speech, and interrupt him several times with prolonged applause.

MacArthur was met on his arrival in Washington by Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall, the only active-duty five-star general, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Omar Bradley, and Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, who replaced MacArthur in the Philippines in the early days of World War II.

MacArthur tells the audience that the Joint Chiefs share his views on the proper “military” course in Korea. A statement from the JCS immediately after MacArthur’s appearance does not deny that, but it says it endorsed MacArthur’s dismissal for not following the president’s policies.

MacArthur did not see Truman in Washington, but the president made it known that he was in favor of the all-out celebrations thrown in MacArthur’s honor and felt the general had earned them. However, he also lets it be known that he is willing to defend his action and debate it to the finish.

With all the public uproar in the United States over MacArthur’s firing, about the only Americans who aren’t that excited about it are the troops in Korea. To them, it’s largely another change of command.

April 20-25 — Lt. Gen. Van Fleet requests permission from Ridgway to begin the second phase of Operation Dauntless April 20 and move to Line Wyoming beginning April 24. One aim of Dauntless is to threaten but not enter the Iron Triangle, a name given to the area within the lines from Pyongyang to Chorwon to the southwest and Kumhwa to the southeast at the base. It’s considered a heavily defended troop staging area.

When I Corps’ 25th Infantry Division attacks toward Chorwon, it is stopped by heavy artillery fire. That night they engage in heavy fights with Chinese.

The first physical evidence of a coming offensive is found April 21 by patrols from the 2nd and 7th IDs. They spot several groups of North Koreans, each numbering close to 1,000, north and northeast of the Hwachon Reservoir.

As the day ends April 21, the Eighth Army G-2 reminds Van Fleet that before previous offensives, the Chinese managed to hide their formations until they attacked.

Overnight, I Corps patrols run into more Chinese positions close to the Imjin River.

During the day on April 22, the 24th and 25th IDs run into fierce resistance as they advance. Prisoners are taken all along the I Corps front. All of them talk of a big offensive coming that night. Aerial observers report columns of troops on foot and in trucks moving toward positions across the front of Eighth Army. An artillery spotter pilot calls fire in on columns gathering in front of 24th ID. They continue coming, accepting casualties as shells land among them.

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<http://Korea50.army.mil>

*A 7th Infantry Division soldier sits on a Chinese bunker on the slope of Hill 902, April 1951.*



The Chinese offensive, their fifth, began as an assault on the Republic of Korea 6th Division to the right of 24th ID. Nine Chinese armies totaling 250,000 soldiers attack in human waves. Six of the armies hit I Corps above Seoul, while three strike down the center at IX and X Corps units.

The ROK 6th Division buckles under the onslaught and troops flee in panicked fright, leaving a 10-mile gap in the Eighth Army front.

At midnight April 22, the Chinese 187th Division hits the 29th British Brigade (Glostergs) and slips around its other two battalions to hit the Glosters on Hill 235. The battle is fierce and costly, and the Glosters pull companies back to tighten defenses.

The next morning, more Chinese forces slip through the gap.

By nightfall, the Glosters are under full-scale attack. Running low on ammo and suffering heavy casualties, they hold the hill through the night, inflicting heavy losses on the Chinese.

On April 24, 3rd ID units try but fail to fight through to the Glosters. The next morning Lt. Col. James P. Carne, commander, decides to withdraw from Hill 235 and fight toward friendly lines. Out of 35 officers and 738 men, only four officers and 36 enlisted from Company D make it. The Glosters’ holdout, known as the Battle of Gloster Hill, keeps the enemy from making it into I Corps’ rear. They eventually receive the U.S. Presidential Unit Citation.

Lt. Gen. Ridgway returns to Korea April 24 as the U.N. commander. He tells reporters that U.N. troops will hold off the Reds but the fiercest fighting is yet to come and “the battle ... may well prove decisive.”

United Nations units pull back to line Kansas under the onslaught, but inflict incredible damage on the enemy. An I Corps division commander suggests to

Lt. Gen. Van Fleet that they immediately disengage and fall back on line Golden, Seoul’s defense line. Van Fleet replies that real estate is not going to be given away and the enemy has to “take all he gets.”

The Chinese hitting the 1st Marine Division keep coming at the Marines only to be mowed down rather than take advantage of sizeable gaps in the division’s lines. Another development that took a heavy toll on the communists was the “Van Fleet Load.” Upon Van Fleet’s arrival, the “days of fire” allocation to artillery was increased. Van Fleet increased allocations from 45 rounds per day for 155mm howitzers to 500 and from 50 rounds per day for 105mm howitzers to 450. “To whip the communists, the general said, “We must expend steel and fire, not men.”

On April 25, Eighth Army units continue to fall back.

April 23 — Hansen W. Baldwin writes in the New York Times that after a worried Truman made up his mind to fire MacArthur, he told his aides, “Well, I guess I have to relieve God.”

April 24 — The Defense Department announces it will send 500 to 600 military advisors to Formosa to help train Nationalist China’s military. Formosa now ranks with Europe in military priority and DoD plans to ask Congress for \$70 million worth of arms for the island nation next fiscal year. Secretary of State Dean Acheson says that Chiang Kai Shek has agreed that the money and arms will be used for Formosa’s defense, not to invade China.

*Editor’s note: Jim Caldwell is a member of Army Training and Doctrine Command public affairs. His primary sources for this series are “United States Army in the Korean War - Ebb and Flow, November 1950-July 1951,” Center for Military History, 1988, and “Facts on File, Weekly World*

Active Duty Copayments

GONE

Summary of TRICARE Prime Copayments for Active Duty Family Members			
Benefit		Before April 1, 2001	Effective April 1, 2001
Outpatient			
Primary, specialty & routine care	E4-Below	\$0	\$0
	E5-Above	\$12	
Mental health visit	E4-Below	\$0	\$0
	E5-Above	\$12	
Durable medical equipment, prosthetics, supplies	E4-Below	\$0	\$0
	E5-Above	\$12	
Emergency	E4-Below	\$0	\$0
	E5-Above	\$12	
Ambulance Services	E4-Below	\$10	\$0
	E5-Above	\$15	
Inpatient			
Civilian	All ACPM	\$11/day	\$0
Military Treatment Facility	All ACPM	\$11.45/day	\$0
Mental Health	All ACPM	\$26/day	\$0
Pharmacy	NMCP	\$4.90 day supply	NMCP \$3 generic 90-day \$9 brand name
	Network	\$5.35 day supply	Network \$3 generic 30-day \$8 brand name
Point-of-Service	Deductible + \$600 family Cost share 50% of allowable	Deductible + \$300 person \$600 family Cost share 50% of allowable	Deductible + \$300 person \$600 family Cost share 50% of allowable
PPFWD	Depends on rank	\$25-\$250	Depends on rank \$25-\$250

As of April 1, the 2001 National Defense Authorization Act eliminated co-payments for civilian healthcare services for active duty family members enrolled in TRICARE Prime. TRICARE Prime co-payments and cost shares for pharmacy, point-of-service and program for persons with disabilities still apply.



# HHC 143rd hands Company C 143rd double-dose loss, 15-9, 15-9



Company C 143rd’s Billy McKenzie goes down low to keep the ball in play during the April 18 volleyball game against HHC 143rd.

## Volleyball update

The following results were reported for intramural volleyball for the week ending April 20.

<b>Aberdeen Division</b>	
<b>Results</b>	
<i>April 16</i>	
HHC 61st defeated Company A 16th, 15-11, 15-11	
USMC defeated Company E 16th, 15-3, 15-6	
<i>April 17</i>	
HHC 16th defeated NCOA, 15-6, 15-10	
Company C 16th defeated USAF, 15-10, 15-13	
<i>April 18</i>	
Company A 16th defeated Company C 16th, 15-5, 2-15, 15-13	
USMC defeated HHC 61st, 15-4, 15-5	
USMC defeated HHC 61st, 15-3, 15-6	
<i>April 19</i>	
HHC 16th defeated Company E 16th, 15-1, 15-10	
USAF defeated NCOA 15-8, 15-5	
<b>Schedule</b>	
<i>April 26</i>	
6:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. HHC 61st	
7:30 p.m., USAF vs. Company A 16th	
<i>April 30</i>	
6:30 p.m., NCOA vs. Company C 16th	
7:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. USMC	
<i>May 1</i>	
6:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. HHC 61st	
7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. USAF	
<i>May 2</i>	
6:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. Company C 16th	
7:30 p.m., USMC vs. NCOA	
<b>Standings</b>	
USMC	8-0
HHC 16th	5-3
NCOA	4-4
Company E 16th	4-4
Company C 16th`	4-4
HHC 61st	4-4
USAF	2-6
Company A 16th	1-7

<b>Edgewood Division</b>	
<b>Results</b>	
<i>April 16</i>	
Company C 143rd defeated CHPPM, 15-7, 15-10	
Company B 143rd defeated HHC 143rd, 15-11, 15-7	
<i>April 18</i>	
HHC 143rd defeated Company C 143rd, 15-9, 15-9	
Company A 143rd defeated Company B 143rd, 13-15, 15-5, 15-12	
<b>Schedule</b>	
<i>April 30</i>	
6:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. HHC 143rd	
7:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. Company C 143rd	
<i>May 1</i>	
6:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. HHC 143rd	
7:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. Company C 143rd	
<i>May 2</i>	
6:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. HHC 143rd	
7:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. Company B 143rd	
<b>Standings</b>	
HHC 143rd	6-1
Company C 143rd	4-2
Company B 143rd	3-3
CHPPM	2-4
Company A 143rd	1-5

**By Yvonne Johnson**  
*APG News*

With only three weeks left in the 2001 volleyball season, several front-runners are vying for favorable positions for the post-season.

As of April 20, the Aberdeen Division’s U.S. Marine Corps Detachment was the league’s only undefeated team at 8-0. In second place was Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion at 5-3 and the remaining units shared 4-4 records.

In the Edgewood Division, the defending champion, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion led the division with a 6-1 record.

Company C, 143rd, at 4 to 1 was in second place followed by Company B 143rd at 3-3.

Post season play gets underway May 12 with the post championship set for May 14.

In April 18 action, HHC 143rd players liked the 15-9 opening match win over Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion so much they delivered it twice. An identical final score in the second game brought the team a decisive win over its nearest division rival.

Despite the loss, Company C 143rd coach Caroline Brooks said her team would not say die.

“These are all new soldiers now, but they’re doing pretty good,” Brooks said. She spent much of the game shouting encouragement from the sidelines.

With only a six-man lineup, HHC 143rd coach Luis Covarrubias was elated over yet another win and the possibility of repeating as champions.

“We’re doing excellent,” Covarrubias said. “All we intend to do is get to the playoffs and win it all.”

The first year coach added that the good team chemistry among his players helps make his job easier.

“I’m new this year, but the enthusiasm on this team makes me feel obligated to get them back to the championship,” he said.

He named Dwayne Peterson the team’s most valuable player.

A 2-year veteran of APG sports, Peterson also plays intramural flag football, softball and basketball. He said the team might be unstoppable once all are “on the same sheet of music.”

“We’ll be there again,” Peterson said. “Expect the same results as last year.”

Company C 143rd’s Jacob Stein, Billy McKenzie and Anthony Shaffer delivered outstanding plays of the game.

HHC 143rd’s no-nonsense lineup included Peterson, Victor Rubio, Vincent Phillips, Anupong Sae Tiew, Al Green and Kevin Dailey.



HHC 143rd’s Dwayne Peterson, 11, leans in for the tap as Al Green, 21 and Victor Rubio, 12, get ready to help.



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

### It’s a bird! It’s a plane!

Above, HHC 143rd players look skyward awaiting a ball that would not return. A high volley sent the ball into the rafters where it remained. The ball was replaced and HHC 143rd went on to defeat Company C 143rd, 15-9, 15-9. From left, Dwayne Peterson, 11, Kevin Daily, Anupong Sae Tiew, 4, and Victor Rubio, 12. Right, Company C 143rd’s Anthony Shafter, 42, watches as teammate Jacob Stein, 33, leaps to intercept a spiked ball from HHC 143rd. Referee Red Loman keeps watch.



# Harford County Sheriff's Office puts child sex offender registration information on-line

*Sheriff's Office is first law enforcement agency in Maryland to place child sex offenders on the Internet.*

Residents in Harford County now have access through the Internet to child sex offender registration information. On April 2, the Harford County Sheriff's Office became the first law enforcement agency in Maryland to do so and it is a move that reinforces the efforts of Sheriff Joseph P. Meadows to keep the public informed and information readily accessible to citizens who want or have a need to know. "People are concerned about any criminal offender who resides or moves to their community," said Sheriff Meadows, noting that in many cases the law protects the release of criminal information. In this case, however, Meadows says the law specifically says the information can be released to the public

and leaves it to the individual police agency to determine the best vehicle for releasing that information. Meadows says his agency handles several requests per month for this information, which can often change daily. "Having this information on our Web site provides instant access for people to view and see how a national event may impact them at a local level by informing them if a convicted sex offender resides in their community," Meadows said. Sheriff Meadows explained that currently people by law must submit their request in writing and state a reason for needing this information. Meadows also said groups like the Board of Education and Parks

and Recreation receive automatic mailings of the child sex offender list. Meadows said citizens can visit the Web site at [www.harfordsheriff.org](http://www.harfordsheriff.org) and click on the link to the Sheriff's Office Child Sex Offender registration page. There is a mandatory registration page, which is must be completed before the site will give you access to the offender page, Meadows said. Meadows also recognizes that not everyone has access to the Internet. Therefore, the Sheriff's Office Records Division will continue to process mail-in requests and those on the automatic mailing lists. For more information, call 410-836-5450.

# Citizen's Review Board for Children needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed to provide oversight of community systems that offer protection of children of abuse and neglect. Volunteers are required to commit their time to one weekday each month, on the same day every month. The boards review all cases of children who are in out-of-home placement for six months or more. Professional and civic experience in child welfare, law, health and education is

a plus. Selected volunteers are appointed by the Governor to serve a four-year term and receive free training. The Citizens' Review Board for Children, formerly Foster Care Review Board, strives to have fair representation of citizens from all races and ethnic backgrounds. For more information or to receive an application, call 410-767-7771.

# ACCES user guide, Web site aid Army career programs

**By William Lowe**  
*CPAC*

Some career program positions in the Army, such as professional engineer positions, are filled using the familiar vacancy announcement system. However, many vacancies in Army civilian career programs, such as in the Comptroller, Supply Management, Public Affairs, and Housing Management career programs, and many others, are filled through the use of a system known as ACCES, which stands for Army Civilian Career Evaluation System. In some cases, the use of this system by managers who wish to fill such positions is mandatory. The Department of Army issued letter 690-01-1 on March 1. It is all about ACCES and is an

"Everything You Always Wanted To Know About ACCES" user guide. There is valuable information in it for everyone involved with Army Career Programs, including applicants/candidates, supervisors, managers and personnel specialists. For example: •It instructs Army employees and other eligible applicants how to use ACCES to apply for DA career program positions at the mandatory referral levels. •It gives career program managers information so they can assist others in ACCES referral registration. •It provides selecting officials and personnel specialists information about using ACCES career referral procedures to fill vacancies.

**See ACCESS, page 13**

LEAVE DONATION

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Jodie A. Ables (herniated disc)	Melanie A. Hoffman (parasi-nusitis, fibromyalgia condition)	Michael Reynolds
Ameneh M. Arasten	Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)	Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)	Wayne A. Jaynes	Denise Robinson (maternity)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery)	Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Brenda K. Bielat (car accident, severe pain)	Carole Jones	Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Barbara Boyd (mother is ill)	Marlin Julian (heart surgery)	Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)	Jennifer Keetley (maternity)	Ralph A. Scutti (care of daughter)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)	Beverly King (caring for husband)	Sherry Schaffer
Tammy Budkey	William Klein	Lena Shelton
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)	Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)	Rita R.Sloder (surgery)
Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)	Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)	Gail H. Smith (death of husband)
Geraldine S. Cragg	Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye surgery)	Motoko Stahl
Bonnie K. Day (surgery)	Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)	Rachel Swearingen
Tricia Lin Dietz	Stacy Miller (maternity)	Ronald L. Taylor (chronic pulmonary disease)
Fred Dill	Sandra W. Miller (back surgery)	Frances L. Thomas
Surinder K. Dillon	Mary V. Overstreet (twisted and sprained wrists and legs)	Rosalind Walters Kenion (maternity)
Joseph R. Dugan	Cecil Pennington (surgery)	Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
Messina Enderlein	Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)	Mary E. Pettitway	Amber M. Vanakin (care of husband)
Willa Freisheim	Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)	Andrew M. Vaught (brain tumor removed)
Penelope K. Galoff (maternity)		Josephine O. Wojciechowski (care for elderly parents)
Elaine C Garrity		
Norman L. Greear		
Rose M. Hill (vertigo)		
Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)		

For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial at 410-278-1524 or fax 410-278-7877.



# Community Notes

## THURSDAY APRIL 26 PARKINSON'S DISEASE BRIEFING

The APG Committee for the Disabled presents Rebecca Dunlop, R.N., B.S.N., nurse coordinator for the Parkinson's Disease Center at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She will be speaking about Parkinson's disease: an overview, who is at risk, its effects on patients, family members and caregivers and current treatment options at 3 p.m. in the Gunpowder Club (Osprey Room) Edgewood Area. This session is open to the entire APG community. It is an educational information presentation, and is not an APG endorsement of Johns Hopkins Hospital or its programs and services. Point of contact is Angela Cheek 410-278-1140

## FRIDAY APRIL 27 PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

The Aberdeen Athletic Department, Aberdeen High School will host professional wrestling, 7:30 p.m., in the gymnasium at Aberdeen High School. Tickets cost \$18 for ringside and \$15 general admission. There will be eight matches.

Former World Wrestling Federation superstars Jerry "The King" Lawler, former woman's champ "The Kat," and "Superfly" Jimmy Snuka will be featured along with several other superstar wrestlers. Meet and take pictures with the wrestlers during intermission.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Aberdeen High School Athletic Department. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-234-9769, 410-273-5500 or visit www.marylandwrestling.com.

## BASKET BINGO

Roye-Williams Elementary School Parent Teachers Organization is sponsoring a Basket Bingo at the Aberdeen Fire Hall at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person, extra cards cost \$5. For tickets call Donna Dease, 410-273-1487. Proceeds benefit the Roye-Williams PTO and students.

## BOSS COMEDY SHOW

A BOSS Comedy Show and After Party will be held from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Entertainment will be provided by APG's own DJ Buggs. Tickets cost \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door and can be purchased at the AA Recreation Center. Dress code is casual; proper ID is required for ages 21 and over.

## ST. PAUL'S PLAYERS PRESENTS "OLIVER"

The St. Paul's Players will present its spring production of the award-winning Lionel Bart musical "Oliver" 8 p.m. on April 27 and 28, and May 4 and 5, and 3 p.m. April 29 and May 6 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 201 Mt. Royal Ave. in Aberdeen.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children and may be purchased in advance by calling 410-642-3362 or 410-879-9560. Any remaining tickets may be purchased at the door the day of the performance. For information call 410-272-3111.

## SATURDAY APRIL 28 BASKET BINGO

Aberdeen High School, Paradise Road (South Building), will hold Longaberger Basket Bingo at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per ticket (three paper cards); extra cards are available at \$5 per set. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be food, drinks and baked goods available. The fundraiser benefits the Aberdeen High School lacrosse team. To purchase tickets, call Brenda Griffey, 410-272-5228, or Vicki Simpson, 410-272-6935.

## CHICKEN AND FISH DINNER

Today's Family Ministries Church is sponsoring a Chicken and Fish Dinner from 12 p.m. until the food is gone at 22 Asbury Road, Churchville, (Brother Hill and Sister Holly's residence) a half block from the church. Picnic area will be set up to eat on site. Come for food, fun and fellowship.

Donation is \$8. For delivery of four dinners or more and tickets call 410-734-9328. Dinner will be cooked rain or shine. Proceeds benefit Today's Family Ministries Church.

## SUNDAY APRIL 29 NATURE SEARCH AND TREK

Join local Naturalist Bob Chance on a herpetology (reptiles and amphibians) search and mammal trek, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Swan Harbor Farm. Students from ages 8 to 15 and adults are encouraged to attend. Bring binoculars, boots, observation jars and a light lunch. Meet at the Swan Harbor Farm office parking area. The hike costs \$3 for students and \$8 for adults. Swan Harbor Farm is located on 401 Oakington Road, Havre de Grace. For more information or to register, call the Oakington District Office at 410-939-6767.

## AN EVENING OF GOSPEL MUSIC

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Protestant Chapel Choir will sponsor an evening of southern gospel music featuring the Oak Grove Quartet. It will be held at the APG-Aberdeen Area Chapel at 5 p.m. Light supper to follow. For more details, call 410-278-4333.

## WEDNESDAY MAY 2 WEEDON-ELLIOTT LADIES AUXILIARY

Weedon-Elliott Ladies Auxiliary VFW 8126, 300 Lodge Lane, Havre de Grace, will hold its monthly membership meeting and installation of officers for the 2001-2002 year. The installation meeting will be held at 7 p.m. and the membership meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. All members and incoming officers are encouraged to attend.

## FRIDAY MAY 4 A TOAST TO THE LADIES

Top of the Bay presents "A Toast To The Ladies," from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Main Ballroom. Music will be provided by Out Da Way Entertainment. Tickets cost \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door. Dress to impress - no jeans, boots, sweatsuits, sneakers or bandannas. Dress code will be enforced. To purchase tickets, call Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Copeland, 1-877-937-9936. You must be 21 or over and have valid identification to attend.

## SUNDAY MAY 6 FASHION SHOW

The Edgewood Area Protestant Service will present its Charm Course Fashion Show, May 6, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Chapel. The show is the culmination of the free 10-week Christian Charm Course for 18 girls in grades 5-11. The course focused on diet and exercise, facial beauty, fashion and wardrobe, hair styling, etiquette and self-esteem. Local businesses contributing to the success of the course and the fashion show include the International School of Beauty, Beth's Bridal Boutique and Saks 5th Avenue. The show is free and open to the public. A potluck banquet will follow. For more information, contact Audrey Vermont at 410-272-3803, evenings, or the chapel office at 410-436-4107.

## SATURDAY MAY 12 YARD SALE

Weedon-Elliott Ladies Auxiliary VFW 8126, 300 Lodge Lane, Havre de Grace, will have a yard sale on the corner of Green Street and Union Avenue, Havre de Grace, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served at the Post from noon to 4 p.m. Table rental is \$10. Rain date is Saturday, May 19. For more information, call 410-272-4020 or 410-939-4578.

## FRIDAY MAY 18 BASKET BINGO FOR AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Basket Bingo will be held at the

Relay for Life Event, Edgewood High School, 2415 Willoughby Beach Road, 10:30 p.m. It will be held under the tent on the football field rain or shine. Doors open at 9:45 p.m. Door prizes, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$5 per ticket and includes 10 games. Additional sets are \$2.50. All prizes will be Longaberger products.

For tickets call Ralph French 410-557-6752.

## SUNDAY MAY 20 ARMED FORCES APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Calvary United Methodist Church invites the community to share in their celebration of Armed Forces Appreciation Sunday, May 20, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Calvary United Methodist Church is located at 301 Rowe Boulevard in Annapolis.

All former and present military personnel are invited to attend a service in uniform, and are welcome to bring military memorabilia. A reception with light refreshments will be held in the Fellowship Hall between the services (10 to 11 a.m.) with tables set up for the memorabilia display. A color guard will open the services. Music will be performed by the combined Calvary choirs, Bayfield Brass, handbell choir and timpani. For more information, call Reverend Marilyn Newhouse, associate pastor, 410-268-7768.

## SATURDAY JUNE 15 BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, will hold a Longaberger basket bingo at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per ticket (3 paper cards); extra cards are available at \$5 per set. Doors open at 6 p.m. The fundraiser benefits the Harford Choral Society. To purchase tickets, call Joanne, 410-939-9642 or Arlene Raymond and Phyllis Gilbert, 410-273-7332.

## MWR

Edgewood Arts & Crafts is a Morale, Welfare Recreation facility and is open to active and retired military, civilians, and contractors working on Aberdeen Proving Ground and their dependents. We are located in building E-4440 next to the military police station near the troop store. Hours of operation are Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 410-436-2153 during listed hours.

**Ceramics class** A basic ceramics class will be held May 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This class teaches the basics of mold pouring, glazing, and painting. Cost is \$7 plus supplies.

**Porcelain Dolls** A porcelain doll class will be held on May 3, 10 and 17 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 plus supplies. Class participants will make a Sugar Britches doll, a great gift for friends or family. Class size is limited and pre registration is required. This is a progressive class so participants should plan on attending all three sessions. **Woodshop Orientation** The woodshop will hold a safety orientation May 5 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is the \$3 user fee. This class is required in order to use the woodshop.

**Stained Glass** A beginning stained glass class will be held May 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students will make a simple suncatcher using the copper foil method. Cost is \$25 and includes supplies.

**Framing Class** A beginning matting and framing class will be held May 24 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Students must bring an 8 inch by 10 inch picture to class to frame. Register in advance, because class size is limited. Cost is \$15 plus supplies.

## MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3 CHILDREN \$1.50

## THE MEXICAN

Friday, April 27, 7 p.m.

Starring: Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts



A man tries to transport an ancient gun called the Mexican, believed to carry a curse, back across the border, while his girlfriend pressures him to give up his criminal ways. (Rated R)

## SAY IT ISN'T SO

Saturday, April 28, 7 p.m.

Starring: Chris Klein, Heather Graham



A young man (Klein) finds out his lover (Graham) may actually be his biological sister. After they break up he discovers he's not related and travels across the country to stop her

impending wedding. Unfortunately the entire nation has heard the same story and thinks he's just after incestuous thrills. (Rated R)

## HANNIBAL (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, April 28, 9 p.m.



Starring: Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore

After having successfully eluded the authorities for years, Hannibal moves to Italy in disguise as an art scholar. He soon is discovered and flees to his homeland of America to once again make contact with now disgraced Agent Clarice Starling. (Rated R)

## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The Garrison Library has fiction books for your reading pleasure.

Visit either the Aberdeen Area library or the Edgewood Area Branch library and check out some books.

The Aberdeen Area Library is located at building 3320 Aberdeen Blvd., 410-278-3417. Temporary operating hours are Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, closed and Saturday and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

The Edgewood Area Library is located at building E-4405 Austin Rd., 410-436-3589. Temporary operating hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 12:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, closed and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

**101 Best Home Businesses** by Dan Ramsey

**1100 Words You need to Know** by Murray

Bromberg

**Better Home and Gardens Step-by-Step Yard Care** by Liz Ball

**CLEP: Official Study Guide**, 2001 Edition

**Essential Hand Tools: 26 Tools to Renovate and Repair Your Home** by This Old House Books

**Essential Power Tools: 19 Tools to Renovate and Repair Your Home** by This Old House Books

**Fit and Fabulous After 40** by Denise Austin

**The New Cooks' Catalogue** edited by Burt Wolf

**The New York Times Guide to New York City, 2001**

**Peterson's GMAT CAT Success 2001**

## EDITORIAL



## Making MWR a household name

**By Harriet Rice**  
CFSC  
ALEXANDRIA, Va. (Army News Service, April 10) — KFC, IBM, AT&T and NBC. What do these initials have in common? Instant brand association with a time-tested product or service? Immediate corporate identification by target audiences? You bet.

Do the initials M-W-R have the same impact? More than likely not. And the Army chief of staff wants that to change.

The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center has proponency for 250 Morale Welfare and Recreation programs that support soldiers and families.

"These programs play a key role in providing for the well-being of our people and our communities," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki.

"As we recruit young people to join our ranks, we must explain the benefits of our MWR programs and the advantages of being a member of the Army community."

CFSC Commander Brig. Gen. Tony Taguba is charged with advertising these MWR programs and their benefits to those unfamiliar with them. He has turned to his marketing staff to do that.

"At Taguba's direction, we're pulling together all the programs and services that fall under the MWR logo and developing a comprehensive strategy to create and promote a brand image," said George Gallagher, director of Strategic Plans and Policy at CFSC.

At the front lines of these projects are the chief of the marketing division Bill Long and his seven-member team.

"This is a four-pronged approach," explained Long. "After we've established what our brand image is, we'll develop strategies to project that image. Right now, we're concentrating on worldwide exposure of our new MWR message: 'MWR is for all of your life.'"

To that end graphic artist Jane Tucker designed

the first of several advertisements targeted to soldiers and families, other authorized MWR patrons, and the MWR workforce. Marketing's Laurie Gibson placed the ads in newspapers serving the Army's nine largest installations, in Army Times, Government Executive magazine, and Stars & Stripes.

"Each promotional piece will run bimonthly and will feature three MWR programs along with the 'MWR is for all of your life' slogan," explained Gibson. The first ad, placed in February, highlighted the Army World Class Athlete Program, Army Entertainment, and Child Development Services.

The second ad in the series is set to run this month. It features the Armed Forces Recreation Centers, theme restaurants and Army Community Service.

"We'll also use our web site extensively," said Long. "We plan to standardize the look and feel of the current home page for MWR employees. We will also develop a separate armymwr.com web site with content targeted to customers."

Long continued, "A huge piece of the strategy revolves around our partnering with the U.S. Army Recruiting Command. We are looking to add MWR to recruiters' kits when they go on their recruiting mission and ultimately include the benefits of MWR in future recruiting publicity."

Another prong of the campaign is a publicity kit on CD for use by major Army commands and installations. Marketing and CFSC public affairs will partner to produce a CD that contains downloadable images, press releases, questions and answers, brochures, "table tent" designs, and flyers as well as television and radio spots.

"We know that MWR is an integral part of the chief of staff's 'well-being' strategic plan and a value-added benefit of being in the Army," said Taguba. "Now, our job is to communicate that value, our image, and make the MWR connection to CFSC for our various internal and external audiences.

This initiative is a vital part of the Army Vision for Personnel, Readiness, Transformation."











# Korean war veteran still supporting U.S. Army efforts

**By Yvonne Johnson**  
*APG News*

Not every Korean War veteran put in time on the front line. A large percentage of America's Armed Forces were assigned to support elements that provided vital logistical information and materials essential to U.S. and Allied forces missions. One former soldier who fits this category is retired Master Sgt. Edward Ward.

A native of New Orleans, Ward was the first African-American to enter the field of map-making known as topographic cartography.

With his older brother, Joseph, already serving in Korea with the 25th Infantry Division, Ward voluntarily enlisted in 1951 at the age of 17.

"My folks didn't particularly care for the idea but it was my choice," Ward said.

His brother was wounded twice, the second time taking a 50-caliber round in the hip, which caused his evacuation to a military hospital in Hot Springs, Ark. The two eventually served together at Fort Carson, Colo. in the 60s.

Ward said he first planned to attend jump school at Fort Bragg, N.C., but was persuaded to attend the Fort Belvoir, Va., mapping course instead.

"It was an honor to be chosen," he said about the 16-week long course. "We were part of four elite units, one in the states, one in Germany and two in Korea."

He explained that Korea was largely unmapped when Japan surrendered its occupancy. With only a few advisors, it was his unit's job to map "practically all of Korea" using aerial photographs.

With the information they provided, commanders were able to construct routes of travel and plan offensive and defensive strategies based on geographical information.

His unit, the 62nd Engineer Battalion, 24th Engineer Group, was situated about 18 miles from



Photo courtesy of <http://Korea50.army.mil>  
*This modern-day map of South Korea shows part of North Korea and the Demilitarization Zone, which was largely unmapped at the start of the Korean War. Retired Army Master Sgt. Edward Ward, along with other U.S. Army engineers, pioneered the use of aerial photographs to map the country, providing vital geographical information for U.S. and Allied forces and resulting in the accurate depictions of the country seen today.*

Seoul on a fenced-in compound. Day-to-day life, he said, was "fairly routine."

"There were four or five men to a room but the only thing you did there was sleep when you weren't working," Ward said.

"We worked 12-hour days, seven days a week except for four-hour breaks on Sundays," Ward said.

Living within the war zone required the daily task of taking up defensive positions at 9:30 p.m. every evening for what they referred to as "Bedcheck Charlie" flyovers.

"The North Koreans would fly over the compound about the same time every night, dropping mortars from slow moving aircraft," Ward said. "We called it Bedcheck Charlie because they always came at bedtime."

He recalled one memorable fly-

over when the pilot maneuvered the plane so low over their position "you could see his face."

"We were about to fire on him when the lieutenant stopped us," Ward said. "With 100 of us firing we surely would have shot him down."

He said the next thing they heard was that the same aircraft dropped mortars on the Armed Forces Radio and Television Services radio station in Seoul, then on Inch'on where the mortars ignited the fuel reserves stored there.

"The fire was so bright you could have read a newspaper from the glow," he added.

He referred to South Korea as a "dark country" because there was no electrical system in place to provide lighting. Generators supplied all their electrical needs.

The night before the war offi-

cially ended, Ward and a private from his unit had to travel the country's dark roads in a jeep delivering "Demilitarization Zone" signs to the various sectors. At one point, they got disoriented and approached a tent they saw near the road to ask for directions.

"I spoke Korean pretty well but when we got close to the tent I realized the people inside weren't speaking Korean," Ward said. "They were speaking Chinese."

He and the private crept back to the jeep. Fearful of starting the engine and attracting attention, they pushed the jeep and its trailer 1,000 yards up the bumpy dirt road.

"It took us forever," he recalled with a smile. "When we got to the next checkpoint and an MP challenged us with a password we didn't know, my private was ready to shoot him."

With the war over, Ward left Korea after a 17-month tour and returned in later years to serve a total of 52 months in the republic.

Ward's career took him to the Solomon Islands, Alaska, southern California, Libya, Germany,

Presidio of San Francisco, Fort Carson, Colo., Fort McClellan, Ala., Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Ord, Calif., Fort Jackson, S.C., and Fort Sheridan, Ill. He retired at the rank of Master Sergeant in 1981 after a 30-year career.

His final assignment brought him to Aberdeen Proving Ground. By then, a member of the Chemical Corps, he helped establish the chemical school that existed on the former Edgewood Arsenal from 1973 to 1979.

Throughout his career, his wife Carole stayed by his side, his most constant companion and friend, he said.

"She can answer questions about my career as well as I can."

Ward worked for the former Chemical and Biological Defense Command in the Edgewood area as an equipment training specialist until his retirement in 1996. Carole Ward worked as a manpower specialist with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools until her retirement in 1998.

Today, Ward is a familiar fixture to APG soldiers. He referees volleyball and softball games for

the post Sports Office, a passion he has had since 1955.

"I get to know a lot of these soldiers. They leave and come back and still remember me," Ward said. "I can identify with them because I've been where they've been."

He said from the sports perspective, the Army is not as disciplined as it once was.

"You used to never see privates running the team. Commanders and noncommissioned officers should put more emphasis on their units sports programs," he said.

"It leads to teamwork, which is what the military is all about."

Ward is a lifetime member of the Noncommissioned Officer Association, Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion.

The Wards live in Edgewood where they are active in their parish, Prince of Peace Catholic Church. They have three offspring, a daughter, Shelley, 33, in Edgewood, son Kerry, 43, in Atlanta, and Edward Jr., 40, in Los Angeles.

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

*Retired Master Sgt. Ed Ward, right, and his wife, Carole, pose in the backyard of their Edgewood home. Ward was the first African-American to enter the field of topographic cartography and graduate from the 16-week course at Fort Belvoir, Va. in 1951. He served as a map compiler with the 24th Engineer Group in Korea until 1954.*



## BNCOC class volunteers for Habitat for Humanity

**By Staff Sgt. Steve Bunker**  
*BNCOC 06-01*

Dropping the tools used for working on tracked vehicles and donning shovels, picks, sledgehammers and wheelbarrows, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course class 06-01 (63D) put in a day of strenuous labor for the Harford Habitat for Humanity Inc.

The mission was to dig out enough dirt and rocks, and break up concrete curbs to prepare for three concrete driveways.

"The work was very physical but we are field soldiers used to hard work," Staff Sgt. Eugene Ignaszewski said.

Staff Sgt. Jason Whitmore said, "it was very satisfying doing a job like this for a very

worthy cause."

The Harford Habitat for Humanity builds houses for low-income people that live in sub-standard housing and cannot afford to move. They depend on volunteers to get the work done.

"All of the NCO's left the job with a sense of accomplishment and personal satisfaction," said Bunker.

Class 06-01(63D) consists of Staff Sgts. Christopher Bozeman, Frank Cipriano, Brian Glascoe, Eugene Ignaszewski, Kevin Johnson, Amon Maxwell, Russell Mills, Juan Romero, Jason Whitmore and Small Group Leader Steve Bunker.

To volunteer for Harford Habitat for Humanity, call 410-297-9378.



Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS RICK JANSEN  
*Several members of Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course class 06-01 (63D) prepare the ground work for three concrete driveways for Harford Habitat for Humanity, Inc. homes. From left are Staff Sgts. Amon Maxwell, Frank Cipriano, Juan Romero, Kevin Johnson, Jason Whitmore and Russell Mills.*

## ACCES offers centralized referral for career program employees

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• It implements DA forms that must be completed online on the Easy ACCES Web site. Easy ACCES is the Web site where employees actually register online for positions covered by career programs that use centralized referral procedures.

The letter can be viewed on the United States Army Publishing Agency Web site, but it is linked to the Civilian Personnel Online Web site, <http://cpol.army.mil>, in two places. One location can

be viewed in the Library under Civilian Personnel Guidance: Messages and Memorandums and then under Career Management and the second is in the Easy ACCES homepage under "HEADS UP".

In addition, the APG Civilian Personnel Advisory



Center has posted the publication announcement to the "Career Corner" on its APG CPAC homepage, which is accessible from the APG homepage, <http://www.apg.army.mil>. Once you are at the CPAC homepage, click on "Career Corner," look for the headline "ACCES user guide

and information now available!!!" and then simply click on the link provided.

Other items posted include the schedule of career program rating sessions for 2001 and timely announcements about specific career programs and updated articles and information concerning a wide variety of topics concerning civilian personnel issues.

APG CPAC personnel are available to assist anyone to determine if a career program covers their current position and if ACCES applies, or to help any-



# Asian-Pacific luncheon set for May 23



Tickets are on sale for Aberdeen Proving Ground’s annual Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Luncheon to be held at Top of the Bay on May 23, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Mirza J. Maroof, chair of the Federal Asian-Pacific American Council will be the guest speaker.

The cost is \$8.50, which includes lunch and entertainment by the Filipino American Association of the Upper Chesapeake. There also will be a coconut cutting demonstration.

The menu includes beef broccoli, chicken stir fry, shrimp fried rice, steam fried rice, vegetables and desserts.

For information, contact your unit equal opportunity representative or call Sgt. 1st Class Herbert Johnson, equal opportunity advisor, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command at 410-278-1035.



Photo by LA’MONT HARBISON

*Dancers from the Filipino American Association of the Upper Chesapeake show former APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Dean Kolker how to do a Tinikling (bamboo dance) during last year’s Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Luncheon. From left, on floor, Jenny Lares and Andrew Andrada, Amy Nieto in background, and Norean James, dancing.*

## DeCA to eliminate social security numbers on checks

By Kevin Hennelly  
DeCA

Starting in May, the Defense Commissary Agency will no longer require customers to put their social security numbers on checks when paying for their groceries. It’s another example of how the commissary is listening to customers and giving them what they want.

“Our customers are telling us they are increasingly concerned about disclosing personal information on their checks that may result in “identity theft,” violations of personal privacy, fraud or personal financial loss. We are listening to our patrons and are taking the steps needed to reduce their exposure to these risks,” said Air Force Col. Ed Jones, DeCA’s comptroller.

DeCA’s strategic plan directs employees to listen to customers and make it easier for them to use their commissary benefit.

Commissary managers have opened stores earlier, closed them later and offered new services in response to customer suggestions. But sometimes customer concerns go beyond store hours and product selection.

As national anxiety over identity theft mounted and various civilian retailers stopped asking for SSN’s, military shoppers began asking DeCA to change too. As a result, customers will have extra security and the convenience of not having to write their SSN on a check when shopping at the commissary.

sary.

DeCA is taking these positive steps even though there was little or no risk in DeCA’s current requirement for SSN’s on checks.

“There is a very low probability of customers having their identities stolen or their social security numbers misappropriated at a DeCA commissary,” said Fred Stein, DeCA’s security officer. “Our customers’ checks are safeguarded like cash and remain under positive control of appropriate commissary personnel until they are deposited in the bank.”

But just to be sure, DeCA worked hard to change its systems. This means that by May, commissary patrons will no longer be required to show a SSN on the front of their personal check.

It also means that the agency is modifying its cash register system to stop printing SSN’s on the back of checks.

Most importantly it means that DeCA has succeeded in developing a closed system to safely retain the SSN to comply with U.S. Treasury guidelines for collecting bad check information. The cashier will enter this information when the customer’s identification is checked at the register.

“The results of this re-engineered business process will ensure transaction confidentiality and appropriate audit trails are maintained with the assurance that individual identity is protected,” said John Goodman, DeCA’s program manager for the cash register system.

## Exercise, diet help maintain weight loss

By Henry Brutus Jr.  
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We all know people who periodically start a new diet, lose some weight, quit the diet, and gain the weight back, and perhaps some more. Why do these people fail to maintain a desirable weight?

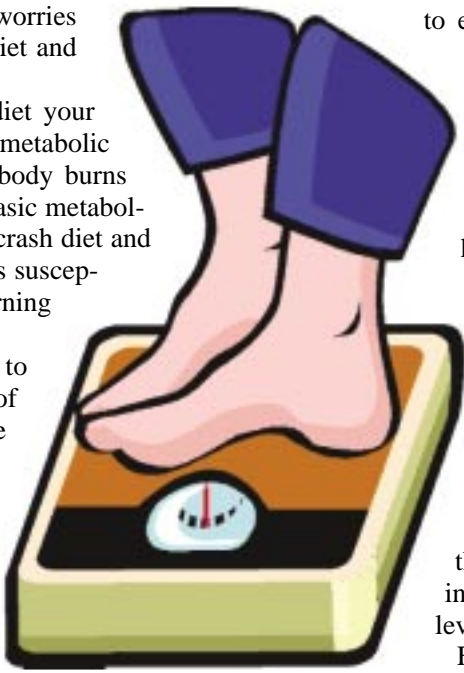
There are no quick fixes. Most people look at diets as being a short-duration ‘fix’ to their weight problem. If only they can lose five-10 pounds a week for a few weeks, all of their worries will be over and they can quit the diet and return to a ‘normal’ lifestyle.

When you go on such a crash diet your muscles atrophy and your resting metabolic rate decreases (simply stated your body burns fewer calories per day to maintain basic metabolic processes). So when you end the crash diet and consume more calories, your body is susceptible to gaining weight since it is burning fewer calories to sustain itself.

Hence, a period of crash dieting to lose weight is followed by a period of gaining it all back and then some because your metabolic rate is too slow. This vicious cycle of yo-yo dieting is detrimental to your overall health.

Maintaining a healthy weight and being physically fit for life can only come about when you make a permanent lifestyle change. Do not think in terms of just losing weight and getting fit for a high-school reunion or a big wedding. You must decide that you will primarily eat healthy foods and exercise regularly for the rest of your life.

The only sensible way to lose fat is to eat healthy



foods in moderate quantities and to increase your daily caloric expenditure by exercising. Regular exercise increases your metabolic rate so that you burn more calories all day long (even when you are not active).

Do not attempt to lose more than two pounds of fat per week. When you lose fat at a higher rate, you lose muscle tone as well.

Once you reach your goal, continue to eat healthy foods and exercise regularly. At that point you can eat a little more. You will never have to ‘diet’ again.

As you start a weight-training program, keep in mind that it is your body fat percentage and not your weight that is important. For instance a person who weighs 145 lbs. and has 30 percent body fat looks soft and fat whereas a person who weighs 145 lbs. and has 15 percent body fat looks muscular and lean. Muscle does weigh more than fat, therefore, the scale is not an accurate instrument for measuring your level of fitness.

For help in learning how to begin and maintain a diet-and-exercise program that is right for you, contact Milagros Borrero-Ruiz at Aberdeen Proving Ground’s Community Health Nursing office, 410-278-1774.

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## Return of fireworks to Camden Yards highlights 2001 Orioles promotional schedule

By Bill Stetka  
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Baltimore, MD—The Baltimore Orioles announced that post-game fireworks will return to Camden Yards on three dates during the 2001 season. An annual fan favorite at Memorial Stadium, fireworks have appeared only once in Camden Yards history — on the ballpark’s opening night in 1992.

Fireworks nights are scheduled following 7:05 p.m. games on Friday, June 8; Saturday, July 21;

and Friday, Aug. 24. Presented by Giant Food, the shows will begin approximately ten minutes after the end of the game.

In addition to the fireworks, fans can also look forward to several new promotional giveaway items this season.

“We are excited to bring back improved versions of a few of our old favorites as well as new items that will appeal to fans of all ages,” said Orioles Director of Sales Matt Dryer.

For ticket information, call 410-685-9800.]



## 2001 Orioles Promotions

May 15	Orioles golf umbrella	(first 25,000 fans 21 & over)
May 28	Coca-Cola/Orioles 12-pack cooler	(first 35,000 fans 15 & over)
June 8	Fireworks night presented by Giant	(post-game) (all fans)
June 10	French Bray/Orioles 11 by 14 team photo	(all fans)
June 18	Unilever Best Foods/Orioles water bottle	(children 14 & under)
June 21	Southwest Airlines/Orioles beach towel	children 14 & under)
July 18	Southwest Airlines 70s night	(all fans)
July 20	Miller Lite/Orioles floppy hat	(adults 21 & over)
July 21	Fireworks Night presented by Giant	(post-game) (all fans)
July 31	Majestic Brady Anderson bobble-head doll	(children 14 & under)
Aug. 2	Kids run the bases (post game)	(children 14 & under)
Aug. 10	DAP/Orioles cap	children 14 & under)
Aug. 24	Fireworks night presented by Giant	(post-game) (all fans)
Aug. 25	Bank of America/Orioles license plate frame	fans 15 & over)
Aug. 30	Cal Ripken backpack	(children 14 & under)
Aug. 31	Southwest Airlines flyaway Friday	(all fans)
Sept. 11	Allfirst/Orioles travel mug	(all fans)

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